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03-06-029-15

Date: September 3, 2003

Ferry County Board of Commissioners 290 East Tessie Avenue Republic, WA 99166

Dear Appellants:

This constitutes my decision, pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations Part 215, on your appeal (03-06-029-15) of Colville National Forest District Ranger Carol Boyd's Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Bamber Cluster Range Allotments Environmental Assessment on the Republic Ranger District, Colville National Forest. After a thorough review, I affirm Ranger Boyd's decision as described in the Decision Notice.

I have reviewed the appeal record for the project. The record includes the Environmental Assessment, the Decision Notice, the project analysis records, and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's recommendation. A copy of this recommendation is enclosed.

Based on the decision documentation and the Appeal Reviewing Officer's recommendation, I support Ranger Boyd's decision and deny your requested relief.

This decision constitutes the final administrative determination by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is not subject to further administrative review.

Sincerely,

/s/Linda Goodman LINDA GOODMAN Regional Forester Appeal Deciding Officer

Enclosure





cc: Forest Supervisor, Colville NF Carol Body, District Ranger Jim Parker, Environmental Coordinator

Please route to: Erin Black, Jill Dufour, Phil Mattson, Lisa Freedman, Cal Joyner

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